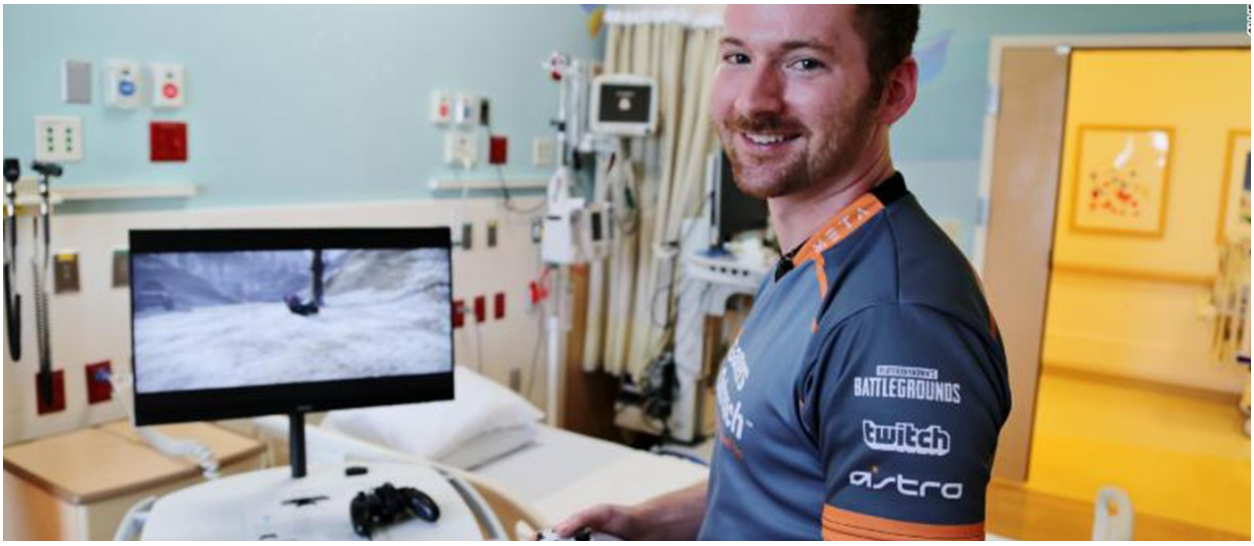

Bringing Joy and Gaming to Kids in Need

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Zach Wigal an Xbox MVP and founder of the non-profit charity organization, Gamers Outreach, can now add Top 10 CNN Heroes of 2019 to his resumé.

In 2007, Wigal established Gamers Outreach to help ease the burdens of hospitalization by providing equipment, technology, and software to sick children in hospitals. This organization provides medical grade, portable gaming stations known as, “GO Karts” to hospitals nationwide. These “GO Karts” give kids who are unable to leave their hospital rooms entertainment, socialization, and a sense of normalcy during treatment.

“This whole organization started up about 12 years ago,” explains Wigal, “and I wanted to demonstrate all the positive things that actually happen when we as a community rally around this industry and the games we are so passionate about.”

In addition, Gamers Outreach has a second initiative known as Player 2. Player 2 invites video game enthusiasts to volunteer as digital activity managers at hospitals. From gameplay to troubleshooting, these volunteers support patients and staff with the “GO Karts”. Today, Gamers Outreach supports 1.25 million children per year and continues to distribute “GO Karts” to hospitals nationwide.

Recently, Wigal was nominated as one of the Top 10 CNN Heroes of 2019. The winner will receive $100,000 to their cause. Now through Dec. 3, everyone has a chance to vote for the CNN Hero of the Year. Check out the CNN Hero of the Year voting page if you’d like to cast a vote.

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